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**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF  
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)**

AF/16004  
Docket No.  
10981AZ

In Re Application Of: Peter A. Koopman, et al. Corres. and Mail

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Serial No.  
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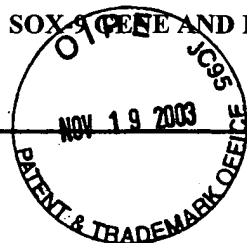
Filing Date  
July 20, 2001

Examiner  
D. Nguyen

Group Art Unit  
1632

Invention:

SOX-100 AND PROTEIN AND USE IN THE REGENERATION OF BONE OR CARTILAGE



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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of July 16, 2003 in the above-identified application.  
Date

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☒ One month    ☐ Two months    ☐ Three months    ☐ Four months    ☐ Five months

from: October 16, 2003

Date

until:

November 16, 2003

Date

A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:

- ☐ is enclosed.  
☒ has already been filed in this application.

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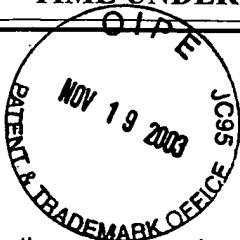
**CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	4 -	20 =	0	x \$9.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	2 -	6 =	0	x \$43.00	\$0.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$0.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$55.00
TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME					\$55.00

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The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$0.00 for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.
- ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-3886/RCT in the amount of \$55.00
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-3886/RCT
- ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- ☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 19-3886/RCT

  
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Dated: November 17, 2003

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R.  
§1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1632**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicants:** Peter A. Koopman, et al.

**Examiner:** D. Nguyen

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:


In response to the Final Action dated July 16, 2003, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment in the above-identified case.

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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)**

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